

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6832
ANSWERED ON:13.05.2002
LIME STONE
KAILASH MEGHWAL

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of each category of lime stone available in the country;
- (b) whether the surveys and exploration have established the availability of deposits of various categories of lime stone in the country
- (c) if so, the location thereof, State-wise and category-wise;
- (d) whether all the said categories of lime stone are available in abundance in Rajasthan;
- (e) if so, the protection and incentives proposed to be provided by the Union Government for exploitation and utilisation of these deposits;
- (f) whether the Government of Rajasthan has proposed any scheme in this regard; and
- g) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) The details of grade-wise reserves of limestone available in the country are as below :

(in `000 tonnes)

Recoverable Reserves as on 1.4.1995

	Proved	Probable	Possible	Total
All India	12061132	16705201	46912557	75678890

By Grade

Chemical	134722	762103	1946644	2843469
Steel Melting Shop (SMS) (OH)	354583	1214273	2907734	4476590
Steel Melting Shop (SMS) (LD)	148898	15604	62561	227063
Steel Melting Shop (OH) & LD Mixed	3773	43839	133724	181336
BF	1570877	1032597	2727534	5331008
BF & Steel Melting Shop				

(SMS) Mixed	73035	100894	1149585	1323514
CEMENT (Portland)	7720348	12473765	31886650	52080763
CEMENT (White)	30738	16118	24379	71235
CEMENT (Portland & White)	180731	30253	125588	336572
BF & Cement (Mixed)	354046	135591	422894	912531
Steel Melting Shop, Chemical & Paper	5099	4108	594455	603662
Paper	1596	2354	-	3950
Others	38449	253101	1086935	1723485
Unclassified	371002	561480	2264690	3199874
Not-known	728235	56420	1579183	23633838

(b) & (c) The survey and exploration have established the availability of deposits of various categories of limestone in the country. The State-wise details are given in Annexure -I.

(d) In the State of Rajasthan Steel Melting Shop(SMS), Cement and Chemical grade Limestone is available in abundance.

(e) As per the information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, 9(concession on freight is being given by railway authorities on completion of certain monthly targets together by M/s Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Ltd. and M/s Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. for transportation of limestone from Sanu Area in Jaisalmer district.

(f) & (g) As per the Rajasthan State Government policy, mining leases for SMS grade Limestone is granted to State Sector Undertakings and Cement grade limestone to the manufacturers of cement. Mining Leases for different grades (other than SMS, Cement and Chemical) of Limestone are granted under the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1986. The Government is considering to revise the policy according to its grade and end uses.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred in reply to parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6832 for 13.5.2002 asked by Shri Kailash Meghwal regarding Lime Stone

THE DETAILS OF RESERVES OF LIMESTONE, STATE-WISE as on 1.4.1995

(in `000 tonnes)

State Recoverable Reserves

Proved Probable Possible Total

Andhra Pradesh	1465769	1213974	12379295	15059038
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	125459	125459
Assam	180532	48550	488425	717507
Bihar	135314	18646	309855	453815
Chhattisgarh	3206617	733638	1062367	5002622
Daman and Diu	90069	-	-	90069
Gujarat	371512	1105838	7559987	9037337
Haryana	52229	2483	28765	83477
Himachal Pradesh	1380640	106995	2158287	3645922
Jammu & Kashmir	35305	10095	695907	741307
Jharkhand	159593	47954	303554	511102
Karnataka	839490	7169842	9430184	17439516
Kerala	122072	27815	4489	154376
Madhya Pradesh	1433178	705899	1486906	3625983
Maharashtra	482051	231605	170897	884553
Manipur	472	6195	8118	14785
Meghalaya	68061	634464	3819437	4521952
Nagaland	825	-	308250	309075
Orissa	392440	258902	539705	1191047
Pondicherry	5260	-	4180	9440
Rajasthan	1082989	3937578	4723372	9743939
Sikkim	-	-	1785	1785
Tamil Nadu	242277	250107	313030	805414
Uttaranchal	60964	157784	849356	1068104
Uttar Pradesh	257072	24700	124340	406112
West Bengal	6400	12146	16606	35152